

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Eric M. DoBrava et al.                      Art Unit : 3731  
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Title : ASPIRATING BALLOON CATHETER FOR TREATING VULNERABLE  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 9, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: